

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 16 and 19 are amended and claim 18 is canceled. No new matter is added.

**I. Restriction Requirement**

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-15, with traverse.

Claim 16, currently amended, recites, *inter alia*, "wherein in the magnetic layer processing step, the servo pattern unit parts and the servo pattern peripheral part/parts are formed in different sizes so as to have different magnetic properties." Thus, the method of Group II is not capable of manufacturing magnetic mediums other than that of claim 1.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-19 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Nonetheless, even if the Restriction Requirement is retained and claims 16, 17 and 19 are withdrawn, rejoinder of claims 16, 17 and 19 is requested upon allowance of at least claim 1. See MPEP §821.04.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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